

APPENDIX A

RELEVANT STATE GUIDE PLAN ELEMENTS

Element 110: Goals and Policies

C. Physical Development Goals and Policies

- Policy 3-1 Consider open space requirements in terms of complete ecological systems.
- Policy 8-1 Improve the coordination of local water pollution control management plans and programs and seek regional solutions to the greatest extent possible.
- Policy 8-2 Continue the close coordination of the state's water pollution control planning activities with those concerned with water resource development and land use development.

D. Facilities and Services Goals and Policies

- Policy 2-2 Assure that those surface and groundwater sources which have been identified as good potential sources for future development receive the required degree of protection and management.

Element 121: State Land Use Policies and Plan

- Policy G-5 Use open space to control and shape urban growth.
 - Policy G-12 Limit the use of land along the coastline and shores of inland water bodies to water dependent uses or to mixed-use development in which a water dependent use is combined with other uses. Classify land uses as water dependent" and "non-water dependent" according to their characteristics and needs for a location adjoining a water body in order to perform their basic functions.
 - Policy G-16 Encourage development patterns that protect water and other natural resources.
 - Policy R-1 Create open space systems and corridors that protect complete ecological units and provide structure and character to the built environment.
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Policy R-9 Preserve, and where possible restore, rivers and inland water bodies and their adjacent shorelines for recreational use, wildlife habitat, water supply, and the open space corridors they provide.

Element 125: Scituate Reservoir Watershed Management Plan

Goals: Develop more effective means to mitigate existing water quality contamination sources.

 Determine compatible land uses, densities, and development controls necessary to protect water quality from future growth.

Recommendations:

- A. Existing water quality contamination sources should be controlled.
- B. Water quality protection programs should be strengthened to make them more effective.
- C. Watershed communities should use their land use controls, and adopt more innovative land use management techniques, to accommodate future development in a way that avoids degradation of water quality.
- D. Watershed communities and the Providence Water Supply Board should purchase the most critical watershed land, using less than fee-simple alternatives whenever possible. They should also encourage the formation of land trusts. RIDOT should develop criteria for scenic easements, which could be purchased along scenic highways.
- E. Infrastructure policy should support watershed protection.

Element 131: Cultural Heritage And Land Management Plan For The Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

Goal: To protect the Valley's historic, cultural, and natural resources in an integrated manner.

Strategies and Actions

Environmental Conservation:

- 1. Improve the water quality of the Blackstone River.
- 2. Identify natural sites that are threatened, in need of action or assistance, and/or important to the completion or enhancement of state heritage parks.

3. Protect open space within the Corridor.
4. Support state, local, private, and individual efforts to enhance the environment.

Element 152: Ocean State Outdoors: Rhode Island's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Goal: Rhode Island will create a statewide network of greenspaces and greenways to serve as the central organizing element for the state's 21st century growth and physical development.

Policy: River Systems and Corridors. Rhode Island will work to preserve and restore its rivers and adjacent lands for recreation, habitat, and water supply, and will foster creation of open space systems and corridors which link existing protected lands to protect complete ecological units, provide structure to the built environment, and which provide open space and recreation opportunities near population centers.

Element 155: A Greener Path...Greenspace and Greenways for Rhode Island's Future

Policy E-3 Maximize reliance upon greenspace and greenways as natural infrastructure for non-structural solutions to water management problems, including: public water supply/demand management, water quality maintenance and restoration, and stormwater runoff and flood control.

Element 721: Water Supply Policies for Rhode Island

Supply Management

Policy S-1 Improved and more consistent protection measures for both surface and groundwater should be implemented to guard against degradation of existing and potential supply sources.

Element 722: Water Supply Plan for Rhode Island

Supply Management

Recommendation

7. Proceed with wellhead protection plans, incorporating consideration of land use policy, nonpoint source control, and wastewater management.

Element 731: Rhode Island Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Plan

Goals: Maintain a balanced approach between mitigating and preventing nonpoint source pollution in high priority watersheds and aquifers.

Continue to address statewide nonpoint source pollution problems, while placing increased emphasis on watershed-based management.

Monitor and assess water quality and land use conditions and, based on this information, develop and implement specific nonpoint source pollution management strategies in high priority watersheds and aquifers.

Restore impaired aquatic habitats, beginning with high priority watersheds.